

HONORING GENERAL RAYMOND T. ODIERNO

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor General Raymond T. Odierno, the 38th Chief of Staff of the United States Army, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. After 39 years of distinguished service, General Odierno will retire from active military duty in September 2015, leaving behind a legacy that will live on for generations to come.

As co-chairs of the House Army Caucus, Representative RUPPERSBERGER and I had the honor of working with General Odierno as he led our Army while the Nation fought two wars and deployed or maintained a presence in more than 150 locations around the world. All the while, General Odierno remained the consummate professional, exemplifying the qualities exhibited by all great, transformational leaders: a strong sense of duty, honor, courage, character, and commitment to this great country.

General Odierno was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1976. He commanded units at every echelon, from platoon to theater. He deployed in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM, commanded the 4th Infantry Division during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and served as the Commanding General of Multi-National Corps-Iraq and Multi-National Force-Iraq between 2006 and 2010.

During his tenure in Iraq, General Odierno was the architect of the troop surge that turned the tide of the war; he implemented the transition plan to an Iraqi-civilian run effort; and he oversaw the largest retrograde operation since the Vietnam War. His success in all of these endeavors led to his appointment as the 38th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army in 2011. Since then, General Odierno's leadership and commitment to his Soldiers, the Army, and the Nation ensured that the U.S. Army remained the most highly trained and professional land force the world has ever known.

General Odierno is an American patriot of the highest caliber. He has dedicated his entire life to the security of our Nation, but most importantly, he is a man of character. His tireless commitment to Soldiers and their Families has never wavered. In his wake stands an impeccable organization, full of leaders capable of confronting the complex global challenges we face today.

With profound admiration and deep respect, we pay tribute to him for all he has done for our Nation. We thank General Odierno, his wife, Linda, and his three children, Tony, Katie, and Mike for their dedication and sacrifice. And we wish them all the fullest measure of peace and happiness in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LINDEMAN TRACTOR

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a great Iowa company, Lindeman Tractor. Lindeman Tractor celebrated 70 years of business in December 2014.

Bob Lindeman's father started selling machinery in Cumberland, Iowa with one employee and two children to help out. That business expanded to Atlantic Iowa and now employs 40 people. They sell a range of products from tractors, planters, and various other equipment. Fundamental to Lindeman Tractor's success has been their dedication to customer service and handling their customers' needs on a day-to-day basis.

I applaud and congratulate Lindeman Tractor for their 70 years in Iowa's Third Congressional District. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Lindeman Tractor and wishing them and their employees nothing but success in the future.

HONORING FRANK FANELLI

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Fanelli, who is retiring after 43 years of outstanding service as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, which I am proud to represent.

Mr. Fanelli was born and raised in Port Chester, New York, and first distinguished himself on the high school gridiron as the last district player to be named an All-American football player. He began to think of a teaching career in high school and started as the junior high school health teacher in the 1970s. After teaching for 23 years, Mr. Fanelli moved into administration, holding positions including Assistant Principal, Director of Grants, and currently Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Fanelli has devoted his professional career in the Port Chester schools to his philosophy of educating the whole child. During his tenure, the Port Chester school district implemented Full Service Community Schools, two of which have received National Blue Ribbons, and developed the JFK Early Learning Center. Under his leadership, the district received grants totaling more than \$50 million that enhanced the educational opportunities for students. In more than four decades of service, his achievements have won many well-deserved awards including Westchester County Health Teacher of the Year, Port Chester Teacher of the Year, and most recently, special recognition from the Port Chester, Rye Brook, and Rye Town Council of Community Services. Mr. Fanelli's leadership and tireless efforts have truly ensured that Port Chester students are prepared to excel in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Fanelli for his 43 years of dedicated service to his community. He truly has improved the lives

of thousands of students and their families as well as inspired hundreds of educators, many whom he has selflessly mentored. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating his exemplary career and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

ACKNOWLEDGING LUCILLE HARRIS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Lucille Harris, who will be honored by the Manteca Chamber of Commerce with their Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given to prominent individuals who diligently enhance the lives of the residents, youth, and businesses in the community.

Lucille Harris was born in Manteca, California to John and Mary Mendosa. Following her graduation from Manteca High School in 1950, she furthered her education by attending Humphreys Business College.

In 1951, Lucille married the late William Robert Harris, and together they laid the foundation of a successful business enterprise. In 1955, Lucille and Bill purchased the Smith Welding Company, and five years later, the business evolved into Tuff Boy Sales Inc., also known as Tuff Boy Leasing and Equipment Sales. This year, the business will be celebrating its 60th anniversary. In addition to Tuff Boy Sales Inc., Lucille and Bill also own W/L Harris Ranches, where Lucille remains an active manager in both companies today.

Community involvement has always been an important part of the Harris family, which is why they are devoted to several different clubs and organizations. Believing that history is vital to the community, Lucille is the trustee of the Manteca Historical Society and a member of the Ripon Historical Society. She puts a high emphasis on reading and writing and has a significant role in both Manteca and Ripon "Friends of the Library" programs. Furthermore, Lucille is an active member of the Manteca, Lathrop, and Ripon, Chambers of Commerce.

Lucille has always believed education to be essential, and has committed herself to several youth programs. The Harris name is renowned for their gracious donations and extensive dedication to fund many educational endeavors. They have been major sponsors of the California State University, Stanislaus "Great Valley Writing Project", St. Anthony's School, Boys and Girls Club, RCAF Ripon Community Athletic Foundation, FFA, 4H programs, as well as supporting the Give Every Child a Chance program.

For many years, Lucille has been a strong supporter of two grass root organizations; Citizens for Judicial Integrity, supporting ADA Legislation Reform, and Neighbor's United, supporting sensible growth and agriculture protection. In addition, she has joined Californians against Lawsuit Abuse, the Civil Justice Association of California, and the National Federation of Independent Business.

Over her lifetime, Lucille has received many awards, one of the most recent being the Women's Connection—Lady of Influence Award in 2012, for leading the way in business, industry, and enterprise. In 2013, Bill